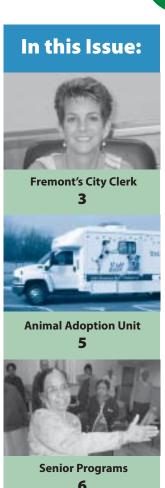
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### Maximize the **Fun that Awaits**

Join in the celebration of Fremont's 50th Anniversary with a memorable event, organized by the community, that showcases Fremont's talent, culture, people, and businesses. Everyone has been waiting 50 years for this party, so let's all get together and have some fun! Be sure to check out pages 8 and 9 for details.

### **City Salutes Celebrate**

The City of Fremont salutes the volunteers of Celebrate Fremont, a non-profit community-based organization formed to celebrate Fremont's 50th Anniversary. Their countless hours of fundraising, marketing, and organizing community groups throughout the city have helped make this a golden year for Fremont. Thank you!

### **Updating** the City's "Constitution"

### **Give Your Input on** Fremont's General Plan

re you interested in what Fremont might look like 10 or 20 years from now? The City of Fremont is about to begin a major update of its General Plan, which is sometimes described as the City's Constitution for all land use and development decisions. This is a great opportunity to influence how Fremont develops between now and the year 2030.

The public input process will kick off on September 9 and 10 during Celebrate Fremont @ the Park, the 50th Anniversary event organized by Celebrate Fremont. Festivalgoers will have an opportunity to participate in several fun and interactive activities that will contribute to the community's vision for Fremont's future.

For more information. contact Project Manager Dan Schoenholz at dschoenholz@ ci.fremont.ca.us or 494-4438, or visit the City's website at www.fremont.gov/CityHall/ GeneralPlan.

### **Fremont Volunteers**



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### City Manager's Message



The City of Fremont incorporated just over 50 years ago, on January 23, 1956. The vote to incorporate occurred after months of hard work by a group of engaged and involved community

members. These leaders recognized that five small towns could never be as strong as one larger, incorporated city, and they worked tirelessly to ensure the City's future success.

That spirit of civic engagement lives on in Fremont, a city where people volunteer their time in so many ways to help their community. A look at today's Fremont shows thriving service clubs, business associations, ethnic and cultural organizations, homeowners associations, youth athletic leagues, historical societies, PTAs, arts organizations, and more.

In fact, Fremont residents and business members are so interested in helping this community that a group of them stepped forward over a year ago to organize and plan Fremont's 50th Anniversary when the City was financially unable to do so. The non-profit organization they formed, Celebrate Fremont, has hosted many successful events during this past year, and the group is planning the community-wide Celebrate Fremont @ the Park event on September 9 and 10. I hope you will join me in attending this family-friendly celebration of our city in Fremont's crown jewel, Central Park.

May the next 50 years be filled with as many great memories as the first 50.

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Fred Diaz City Manager

### **Did You Know?**

### Fremont Makes Top 10 "Brainiest Cities" List

Fremont was recently named among the top 10 brainiest medium-sized cities according to a study by Bizjournals.com. Data compiled from the 2000 U.S. Census of medium-sized communities (defined as 100,000 to 200,000 residents who were 25 or older at the time) showed that 43.2% of Fremont residents received a Bachelor's degree or further education. Way to make the grade Fremont!

### Receive Permit Assistance during "Homeowner Night"



Homeowners can take advantage of the extended hours at the City's Development Services Center to receive

permit assistance with projects related to single-family homes. Every Tuesday the center will remain open between the hours of

#### 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. by appointment only.

Bring your plans and design documents to the Development Services Center, which is located at 39550 Liberty St. Those projects qualifying for over-the-counter review will be evaluated, and when found in compliance with the code, will be permitted. Larger projects or non-complying projects will need further review and follow-up.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Development Assistant Jackie Hall at jhall@ci.fremont.ca.us or 494-4487.

#### **City of Fremont**

The City Council meets the first, second, and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Avenue. (Work sessions are held on the third Tuesday of each month, times vary.) Meetings are broadcast over Cable TV Channel 27 or webcast online at www.fremont.gov/CityHall/Webcasts.

#### **City Council**

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#### **City Manager**

Fred Diaz

#### **Fremont City News**

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### City Hall News

### **Meet Fremont's City Clerk**

eet Dawn Abrahamson, Fremont's new City Clerk. Dawn is in charge of making the City's elections run smoothly and ensuring that all of the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed on our City Council agendas and other official documents.



Dawn Abrahamson

Dawn has over 20 years of experience working in municipal government in a variety of capacities. She is also the current president of the City Clerk's Association of California and is the secretary to the East Bay Division of the League of California Cities. She is committed to enhancing public awareness of government and providing exceptional customer service to all Fremont residents.

### **City's Biotech Efforts** Recognized, Continue to Grow

he City is aggressively working with life science (biotech) firms to either locate in Fremont or expand their current operation here. Fremont is home to more than 40 such firms, primarily in the Ardenwood and Warm Springs business districts.

Fremont's efforts have been guided by a focused recruitment and retention strategy titled "A Perfectly Cultured Environment to Grow Your Biotech Company." We are pleased to announce our biotech efforts recently received an Award of Merit from the California Association for Local Economic Development.

#### Role of the City Clerk

The role of the City Clerk is made up of three core duties:

- 1. As **Fremont's Election Official**, the City Clerk administers the federal, state, and local procedures through which local government representatives are selected and local measures are passed. From election pre-planning to certification of election results and filing of final campaign disclosure documents, the City Clerk manages the City's election process.
- **2**. As **Fremont's Legislative Administrator**, the City Clerk supports the City Council in its decision-making process. The City Clerk staffs Council meetings, prepares the legislative agenda, verifies that legal notices have been posted or published, and records the City Council's decisions.
- **3**. As **Fremont's Records Manager**, the City Clerk oversees the preservation and protection of the public record. By statute, the Clerk is required to maintain and index the minutes, ordinances, and resolutions adopted by the City Council. The City Clerk also ensures that other municipal records are readily accessible to the

City Clerk Dawn Abrahamson at dabrahamson@ci.fremont.ca.us or 284-4063.

### **Fall Recreation Guide Available**

he City of Fremont Fall Recreation Guide is now available! Sign up for one of the many classes and programs offered by the City for every age group, from tots to seniors. Check out our

exciting new courses in science, special interests, health and fitness,

Fremont

### **Public Safety**

### Avian (Bird) Influenza: What You Need to Know



he Fremont Fire
Department is actively
working with several
response agencies to ensure an
effective coordinated response
to the potential outbreak of the
Avian flu, also known as bird
flu, as well as other contagious
disease threats should they
occur locally. This coordination
effort is being done under the

leadership of the California Department of Health Services and the Alameda County Public Health Department.

The City is also reviewing its Epidemic Disease response plans to ensure that response elements are updated, tested, and evaluated for optimal effectiveness. Medical supplies to protect responders and prevent the spread of disease are also being increased.

Should an outbreak of the Avian flu happen, it's important for you to know how to protect yourself and your family. Please review the information on the right to learn more.

### **Fight the Bite**

Don't Grow Your Own Mosquitoes

Help make your home and property less inviting to mosquitoes by following some of these tips:

- Stock your fishpond with free mosquitofish from the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District. Call the District at 783-7744 for details.
- Eliminate all standing water on your property.
- Screen your windows and doors, and make sure they fit tightly.
- Minimize outside activity at dawn and dusk.
- When outside for extended periods, wear long sleeve shirts and long pants and use insect repellent.
- Keep outside lighting to a minimum near entry doors (some mosquitoes are attracted to lights).

For more information, visit the District's website at www.mosquitoes.org.

#### What is it?

It's an infectious disease caused by a virus that lives naturally in wild birds. Wild birds usually do not become sick. However, they carry the virus and can pass it on through their secretions to other domestic birds (chickens, turkeys, ducks). In turn, those birds can become sick and die.

#### How is the virus spread to humans?

Currently, there is no evidence that bird flu is spread from person-to-person. However, the virus continues to change, and humans have become infected in other countries through contact with infected birds or their contaminated droppings. The virus can spread to humans from:

- Direct contact with infected poultry or birds.
- Contact with contaminated food preparation surfaces.
- Contact with items (bird cages, water, food, equipment) contaminated by an infected bird.
- Contact with infected bird droppings or secretions.

#### What are the symptoms of bird flu in humans?

Flu-like symptoms may occur after exposure to infected birds. Those symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, and eye infections. A severe case of bird flu can cause serious respiratory problems, including pneumonia.

### What should you do to prevent infection from bird flu and other disease threats?

- Know the signs and symptoms of bird flu.
- Get up-to-date vaccinations (check with your doctor).
- Get a physical check-up at least four weeks prior to travel in foreign countries.
- Practice good hygiene; wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Avoid poultry farms and live animal markets.
- Do not feed pigeons or other birds.
- Wash hands immediately after contact with birds or poultry.
- Do not eat undercooked poultry.
- Do not eat raw eggs or dip cooked food into any sauce containing raw eggs.
- Listen to the news and stay informed if there is an outbreak.

To learn more about the Avian flu, please visit the following websites: Center for Disease Control - www.cdc.gov

Center for Disease Control - www.cdc.gov World Health Organization – www.who.int

### **Our Community**



ave you seen the new mobile adoption and spay/ neuter vehicle cruising through Fremont? Purchased by the Fremont Police Department and Tri-City Animal Services using State funds and community donations, this 33-foot recreation vehicle was recently modified into a mobile clinic and adoption center on wheels for animals.

Complete with an area to display animals for adoption and a surgical room to perform spaying and neutering procedures at little or no cost, this vehicle is part of the Tri-Cities animal services community outreach program. Volunteers will work to increase spaying and neutering procedures in Fremont, Newark, Union City, and San

Leandro, increase the number of animal adoptions, and administer rabies shots to vaccinate more animals in the community. If you would like to request this vehicle for your event, please contact the Community Engagement Unit at 790-6740 or the Tri-City Animal Shelter at 790-6640.

### Fremont Vista Retirement Homes \$1,000 Referral Program

remont Vista Retirement Homes, a senior residential assisted-living facility at 35490 Mission Boulevard in Niles, has launched a \$1,000 Resident Referral Program. Through September 30, 2006, if you make a referral and that person moves into Fremont Vista prior to October 31, 2006, you will earn rent credit worth up to \$1,000 at Fremont Vista. If you are not a resident at Fremont Vista, you can give the \$1,000 rent credit to a current resident living there or the person you referred.

Fremont Vista offers personalized assistance to seniors who

need some help with their daily activities such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation, and medication reminders. With financing assistance from the City of Fremont's Redevelopment Agency, 20 private studio apartments are offered at below market rates for qualifying low-income seniors. These studio apartments are designed to accommodate one person.

For more information about the below market-rate studios or the \$1,000 Resident Referral Program, please contact Fremont Vista Retirement Homes at fremontvista@comcast.net or 796-4200.

### **Our Community**

### Passport Program Rolls Out

Have you picked up your passport yet?

Join Fremont residents who are supporting local businesses and taking part in the Passport Program.

he Passport Program includes a business listing by district (Centerville, Irvington, Mission San Jose, Niles, and Warm Springs) with special offers, discounts, and/or incentives. Just by visiting a participating merchant, your Passport will be stamped and you will have an opportunity to win prizes at monthly drawings (you need not be present to win). The program runs through December 2006.

Passports may be picked up at:

- Participating merchants (a poster will appear in their window indicating they're taking part).
- The Fremont Chamber of Commerce's office located at 39488 Stevenson Place, Suite 100.

For more information, please contact the Chamber's Cindy Bonior at passport@fremontbusiness.com or 795-2244 x106.

### India Community Center brings Senior Programs to Fremont

he City of Fremont's Human Services Department is partnering with the India Community Center (ICC) in Milpitas to bring their senior programs to the Fremont Senior Center twice a month. This program includes yoga, meditation, dance, and roundtable discussions, and will be offered on the first and third Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. These additional programs will complement the extensive programming already being offered at the Senior Center such as Tai Chi, bridge, cholesterol testing, quilting, and painting.

Collaborating with the India Community Center is part of the City's broader Aging, The Ultimate Adventure project. One of the goals of this project is to partner with organizations that will help improve the quality of life for all seniors in the Tri-City area.

According to Gopi Godhwani, chair of ICC's senior programs, "Many of the seniors in the community are isolated from other people. They may go an entire day without talking to anyone." She encourages seniors to connect with other people because it has a good effect on the spirit, mind, and body.

For more information about Senior Center programming, please contact Senior Center Manager Linda Olla at lolla@ci.fremont.ca.us or 790-6606.



### Fremont Family Resource Center Plans for Future

hat's the best kept secret in southern Alameda County? We hear it's the Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC), which co-locates over 20 state, county, City of Fremont, and non-profit organizations to work together to serve families. The City is the lead organization in this collaborative.

#### **Five-Year Strategic Plan**

Organizations that make up the Family Resource Center embarked upon a strategic planning process to create a Strategic Plan for 2006 through 2011. A 38-member planning team, representing consumers, community members and partners, and Family Resource Center staff, drafted a blueprint that is responsive to community and stakeholder concerns. It will focus on:

- Fostering community building and inclusion in our diverse community.
- Continuing and strengthening infrastructure to ensure superior service.
- Promoting the FRC to gain influence and sustainability.
- Expanding partnerships to address evolving service needs.

To achieve the goals in this ambitious plan, FRC staff will work with the newly created FRC Community Advisory and Engagement Board. If you are interested in applying to serve on this board, please contact FRC Administrator Judy Schwartz at jschwartz@ci.fremont.ca.us or 574-2007. Meetings will be monthly.



### **Graffiti Abatement**

he Graffiti Busters are at it again in Fremont. Armed with paint brushes and recycled latex paint, City maintenance workers are dedicated to ensuring that graffiti is removed quickly.

The City's Graffiti Abatement program, which is part of the Traffic Safety Section of Street Maintenance, is abating over 65,000 square feet of graffiti on a monthly basis. That's a 25,000 square feet per month increase over the past three years.

To report graffiti, please call the 24-hour **Graffiti Hotline** at **494-4897** and leave the requested information on your message.

For more information about how to get involved in the fight against graffiti, consider becoming a graffiti removal volunteer. Please contact the City's Maintenance Center at 979-5700 for more information

### You Can Make a Difference

#### Join this Year's Activities

t's not too early to start planning for Make a Difference Day, the national day of volunteering, which will take place on **Saturday, October 28**. Make a Difference Day gives people the opportunity to mobilize a group to work on a volunteer project—enlisting businesses, parents and children, or an entire neighborhood. Make a Difference Day is also a great opportunity for students to complete needed community service hours or service learning projects. (See page 10 for a student event already planned.)

Last year, Fremont residents participated in over 25 Make a Difference Day projects, including:

- Gardening and cleanup projects for frail seniors.
- Tree plantings.
- Helping to renovate local homeless shelters

The City's Human Relations Commission will once again sponsor this volunteer event.

If you would like to participate in a project or organize your own, visit the Make a Difference Day website at www.makeadifferenceday.com.

For additional information, please contact Human Services Deputy Director Arquimides Caldera at acaldera@ci. fremont.ca.us or 574-2056



### **Celebrate Fremont @ the Park**

### Five Things You Should Know About this 50th Anniversary Event

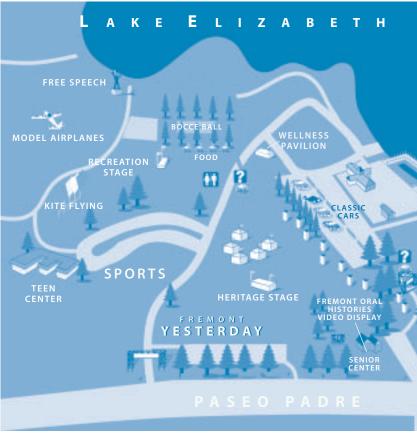
1. Worried about missing some of the fun at the park? Spend the day and evening: Saturday, September 9 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, September 10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Consider bringing items such as a blanket, folding chairs, sunscreen, a broadbrimmed hat, and comfortable walking shoes.

#### 2. Parking locations include:

- California School for the Blind, 500 Walnut Avenue (Saturday only)
- The lots around the former City Hall (Off of Stevenson Boulevard and Civic Center Drive)
- City Hall (Capitol Avenue and Liberty Street)
- County Courthouse, 39439 Paseo Padre Parkway
- Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Boulevard (Sunday only)
- Palo Alto Medical Foundation, 3200 Kearney Street
- Along Paseo Padre Parkway

A map showing parking locations is posted on the Celebrate Fremont website at www.celebratefremont. org. There will be shuttles and paratransit vans to take you to the event from these parking locations. Also, some shuttles will be available at Central Park itself for seniors or those with limited mobility.

- **3**. Admission to the event is free. There is a cost for the many foods offered—try "Flavors of Fremont" or the variety of barbecue stations and food booths around the park.
- **4**. The park will be divided into specific areas to reflect Fremont's past, present, and future. There will be nine venues for entertainment catering to our multigenerational community with a mix of professional and community groups.
- **5**. There will be kites to fly, movies to watch, music to entertain, food to enjoy, art to appreciate, stories to tell, classic cars to envy, displays to inform, sports to try, dancing to do, and lots of trees to take a nap under. For children, there will be a Kid's Zone and for teens, a hangout spot at the Teen Pavilion.

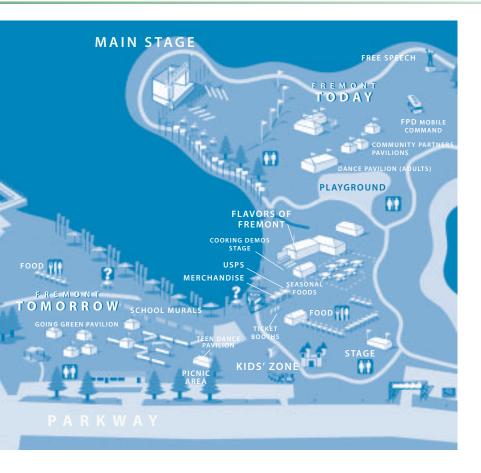


\* Tentative map—specific locations subject to change.

Visit the Celebrate Fremont website at www.celebratefremont.org for all of the latest updates on the many events and performances going on around the park.\*

#### Hands Around the Lake

Before the opening ceremony on Saturday, September 9, there will be a special event called Hands Around the Lake, in which people will join hands to encircle Lake Elizabeth. Participation is limited to the first 3,500 registrants on a first-come, first-served basis. All registration must be completed no later than 8 a.m. on event day, and the event will take place promptly at 9 a.m. You can register in advance by downloading the form from the Celebrate Fremont website.



### City Staff Participates in 50th Park Event

Be sure to visit the City of Fremont tent located in the Community Partners Pavilion in the "Fremont Today" area. City staff from various departments will be on-hand to talk about important projects and initiatives, and to answer questions about their work.

#### Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<b>Human Services Department</b>
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11 a.m. – Noon Transportation and Operations Department

Noon – 1 p.m. Fire Department

Noon – 1 p.m. Fire Department 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Police Department

2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Economic Development Department

From Noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, the Parks and Recreation Department is hosting demonstrations and performances on the Recreation stage and at the Teen Dance Pavilion.

Also, stop by the "Fremont Tomorrow" area on both days and meet City staff from the Community Development Department and the Environmental Services Division (in the Going Green Pavilion). Participate in interactive activities at both locations.

### **Entertainment Highlights**

	Saturday, September 9
9 a.m.	<b>Celebration Begins</b> Hands Around the Lake
10 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
Morning	<ul><li>Sports and Community Group Exhibits</li><li>Music</li></ul>
Afternoon	<ul> <li>Sports and Community Group Exhibits</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Jugglers</li> <li>Face Painting</li> <li>Dance</li> </ul>
Evening	Sun Kings, a Beatles Tribute Group; Fremont Symphony; Yoko's Dance & Performing Arts Academy, and Special Guest David Benoit
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### Help Clean Fremont's Local Waterways

### Mark Your Calendar for Coastal Cleanup Day

In honor of the 22nd annual Coastal Cleanup Day, a day designated to take action and keep the marine environment clean, the City of Fremont will host creek cleanups at various Fremont locations on **Saturday**, **September 16** from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Caring for local waterways provides a healthier ecosystem and improves water quality for wildlife and their habitats, as well as the San Francisco Bay. For more information or to register for Fremont's event, please check out the following:

#### **Fremont Event Info:**

www.fremont.gov/Events

#### **Registration:**

Val Blakely, Environmental Specialist 494-4577 vblakely@ci.fremont.ca.us www.fremont.gov/ Community/Volunteering/CreekCleanups

#### **Statewide Event Info:**

www.coastal.ca.gov

### Make a Difference Day Activity at Lake Elizabeth

The Math/Science Nucleus, a local non-profit organization, is partnering with the City of Fremont's Environmental Services Division and Parks and Recreation Division, California State University, East Bay, and the Tri-City Ecology Center to organize a local Make a Difference Day activity on **Saturday**, **October 28** at Lake Elizabeth.

Through a grant from the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program, Math/Science Nucleus will host booths about flood control, stormwater pollution prevention, and participate in Duck Island restoration efforts. Booths will be located in Central Park Picnic Area A from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

High school students are coordinating the activities for the day. If you are a high school student and would like to get involved, please contact Joyce Blueford from Math/Science Nucleus at blueford@msnucleus.org.

### Stivers Lagoon Field Trips for Third Graders

Looking for a new field trip offered at no cost for your child's class this year? Consider an extensive two-hour field trip through Stivers Lagoon, which is available for all public, private, and home school students in Fremont. There are 70 slots available throughout the school year for third grade classes (the target grade level), although the field trips can be modified for up to fifth grade. Book early, before classes fill up.

While on the field trip, students will learn:

- Information about wetlands, watersheds, ecology, and the San Francisco Bay as they hike along Muskrat Creek and stop to collect, test water samples, and search for aquatic insects;
- How water pollution affects our local waterways;
- Tips to keep our creeks and the Bay pollution free.

For more information or to register your class, please contact the City's Clean Water Education Program Coordinator Barbara Silva at bsilva@ci.fremont.ca.us or 494-4575, or visit the City's website at www.fremont.gov/Environment/StiversFieldTrips.

### Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshops

Find out how you can create a sustainable, healthy, and beautiful garden using Bay-Friendly practices. Workshops on design, building healthy soil, managing pests naturally, plant selection, and creating a year-round edible garden will be offered beginning in September.

All the workshops are free and hands-on. Every participant will receive a copy of the 70+ page "Bay-Friendly Gardening: from your Backyard to the Bay." This user-friendly guide includes tips from Bay-Friendly gardeners, a design survey, and practical information on day-to-day maintenance. There will be a drawing for a free compost bin at every workshop.

Register online at www.BayFriendly.org or call 444-SOIL for more information.

The Bay-Friendly Gardening fall workshop series is made possible by StopWaste.Org, Alameda County Water District, the Watershed Project, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Regan Nursery in the Centerville business district, Coyote Hills Regional Park, Ardenwood Historic Farm, and the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program.





# Keep Batteries, Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs, and Certain Electronics Out of the Garbage



Common household products such as batteries, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, and certain electronics are known as "universal wastes" and are prohibited from being thrown in

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because it contains either corrosive chemicals or toxic heavy metals such as mercury, lead, copper, and cadmium.

Although universal waste poses a lower risk than other hazardous waste when disposed of improperly, it can still harm people and

the environment. For this reason, universal wastes must be recycled at a facility that accepts such items. To learn more about recycling options, please visit the City's website at www.fremont.gov/Environment/CurrentNews or contact the City's Environmental Services Division at 494-4570.

### Utility Users Tax Placed on Fremont Ballot

he Fremont City Council has placed a utility users tax on the November 7, 2006 ballot. If passed by a majority of the Fremont electorate, it will establish a utility users tax that would:

- Levy a tax of 4% on electricity and natural gas utility bills.
- Limit the time the tax can be collected to six years, unless an extension is approved by the voters.
- Exempt participants in PG&E's low-income CARE program from paying the tax.
- Cap payments for the largest commercial users.
- Establish a Utility Users Taxpayers Oversight Committee to oversee the City's expenditures of the tax.

The proposed utility users tax is a general tax. The City spends approximately 90% of general tax revenue on the basic priorities of police, fire, and maintenance of streets and parks. Funds raised from the utility users tax would contribute to these and other basic community services.

If you have any questions regarding the utility users tax, you may either:

- Review information on the City's website at www.fremont.gov/CityHall/UtilityUsersTax
- Contact Intergovernmental Relations Manager Lisa Goldman at lgoldman@ci.fremont.ca.us or 284-4012, 3300 Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 5006, Fremont, CA 94537-5006

### Fremont Earthquake Exhibit: The Hayward Fault Exposed

ave you visited the "Fremont Earthquake Exhibit: the Hayward Fault Exposed"? This exhibit is located in Fremont's Central Park/Lake Elizabeth (near Sailway Drive) and is managed by Fremont-based environmental educators Math/Science Nucleus in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey. The exhibit is funded in part through the substantial support of the California Earthquake Authority, as well as local area supporters, and it will be open through October 30, 2006.

#### **Details**

- The exhibit is free and open to the public on weekends from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Weekdays the exhibit is open to groups by appointment. Contact Exhibit Manager Heidi Stenner at earthquake@msnucleus.org to schedule an appointment.
- The exhibit features a 12- to 15-foot deep trench exposing the Hayward Fault.
- The fault is easily seen from ground level; however, visitors are encouraged to descend a staircase to meet the Hayward Fault faceto-face.
- The exhibit is safe for children and is wheelchair accessible around the top of the trench.



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